

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An extract of *Scutellaria lateriflora* L. having a content of flavonoids, calculated as the sum of baicalin, scutellarin, dihydrobaicalin, ikonnikoside I, lateriflorin, baicalein, lateriflorein and wogonin, of at least 18% by weight.
2. The extract of claim 1 having a content of baicalin of at least 8-9% by weight.
3. A process for obtaining an extract of *Scutellaria lateriflora* L. rich in flavonoids, said process comprising:
combining dried *Scutellaria lateriflora* L. plant material with a solvent to form a solution; and
separating solid material from said solution after a predetermined period, whereby said extract has a content of flavonoids, calculated as the sum of baicalin, scutellarin, dihydrobaicalin, ikonnikoside I, lateriflorin, baicalein, lateriflorein and wogonin, of at least 18% by weight.
4. The process of claim 3 wherein said solvent is boiling water.
5. The process of claim 3 wherein said solvent is alcohol.
6. The process of claim 3 further comprising stirring solution for a predetermined period.
7. The process of claim 3 further comprising drying said extract.
8. A composition comprising extract of *Scutellaria lateriflora* L. combined with a stabilizing agent.
9. The composition of claim 8 wherein said stabilizing agent is ascorbic acid.

10. The composition of claim 8 wherein said stabilizing agent is citric acid.

11. The composition of claim 8 wherein said stabilizing agent is a combination of citric acid and ascorbic acid.

12. A process for obtaining an extract of *Scutellaria lateriflora* L., said process comprising:

combining dried *Scutellaria lateriflora* L. plant material with a solvent to form a solution;

adding a stabilizing agent to said solution; and

separating solid material from said solution after a predetermined period.

13. The process of claim 12 wherein said stabilizing agent is ascorbic acid.

14. The process of claim 12 wherein said stabilizing agent is citric acid.

15. The process of claim 12 wherein said stabilizing agent is a combination of citric acid and ascorbic acid.

16. The process of claim 12 further comprising heating said solution and then cooling said solution prior to adding said stabilizing agent.

17. The process of claim 12 wherein said solvent is boiling water.

18. The process of claim 12 wherein said solvent is a glycerin aqueous solution.

19. The process of claim 12 wherein said solvent is alcohol.